CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A connector device for rain tight coupling of an electrical conduit~~s~~, comprising:

~~first and second~~ a nut and a tubular casing~~s~~ having mating inner and outer threaded sections, respectively, ~~and~~ defining inner axially spaced first and second confronting faces delineating an interior annular space when said nut and said tubular casing~~s~~ are matingly threaded, ~~one of~~ said first confronting face~~s~~ being a tapered end of said ~~first~~ tubular casing, said ~~first tubular casing~~ nut having a~~n~~ radially uniform wall with a tapered end, said second confronting face being said tapered end of said nut;

a deformable sealing washer positioned interiorly within said annular space abutting said tapered end of said tubular casing;

a resilient metal compression ring having a body with a U-shape cross section split across its circumference to form confronting faces with a substantially parallel, axially offset finger extending from each of the opposite ends of said body to form a circular structure, said fingers moveable toward each other in response to said ring being compressed, said compression ring positioned adjacent said sealing washer with said ~~non-confronting face of said~~ body abutting said uniform wall of said nut ~~first tubular casing~~ and said compression ring being entrapped between said first and second confronting faces of said nut and tubular casing~~s~~ and being compressible thereby; and

a friction washer positioned between said sealing washer and said compression ring, and responsive to the compressing of said compression ring, said friction washer is urged into said sealing washer to force said sealing washer into compressible sealing engagement with said tapered end of said ~~first~~ tubular casing, wherein a rain tight seal is provided in response to tightly engaging said nut to said tubular casing~~s~~ to compress said compression ring.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said sealing washer having an outer tapered surface and a tubular inner surface with a uniform radius and a flat end, said outer tapered surface of said sealing washer correspondingly mates with said tapered end of said ~~first~~ tubular casing.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6, wherein said friction washer having an inner tapered surface and a tubular outer surface with a uniform radius and a flat end that abuts said flat end of said sealing washer.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7 further comprises means for adhering said flat end of said friction washer with said flat end of said sealing washer.

9. (Original) The device of claim 7 wherein said U-shape body of said compression ring having an outer surface that correspondingly mates with said inner tapered surface of said friction washer.

10. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said sealing washer having an outer surface with a uniform radius and a convexly curved inner surface.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10 wherein said sealing washer nests concentrically within said compression ring.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said sealing washer is made of a rubber material.

14. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said sealing washer is made of a plastic material.

15. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said tubular casing is made of a rust-proof metal.

16. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said compression ring is made of a rust-proof metal.

17. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said nut is made of a rust-proof metal.

18. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said friction washer is made of a rust-proof metal.